

PATENT APPLICATION



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Examiner: Juanita D. Stephens

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the above-identified application, wherein a Notice of Allowance was issued on September 30, 2003, and wherein a Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith, please amend the claims as follows.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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